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TAGS: PINT MX (BIEBRICH TORRES, CARLOS ARMANDO)

SUBJECT: CITATION OF EX-GOVERNOR BIEBRICH

1. SUNDAY, JAN 4, 1976, EDITIONS OF TWO LOCAL LEADING NEWSPAPERS, "EL SONORENSE" AND "EL IMPARCIAL", CARRIED PUBLIC NOTICES CITING FORMER GOVERNOR BIEBRICH TO APPEAR JANUARY 8, 1976, AT 11:00 A.M., BEFORE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CESAR TAPIA QUIJADA TO EXPLAIN IRREGULARITIES IN USE OF FUNDS DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION. THE AG SAID THAT HE HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO DELIVER THE CITATION PERSONALLY BEFORE RESORTING TO THE PUBLIC MEDIA (HE ALSO APPEARED ON LOCAL TV CHANNEL 12 ON SATURDAY), ASSUMING THAT BIEBRICH RELATIVES WOULD INFORM HIM. HE ADDED ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENFORCE A JUDICIAL SUMMONS ARE: IMPOSE A FINE, USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT, AND ARREST.

2. THE AG STATED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE STATE TREASURY WHICH HE COULD NOT DISCUSS AS UNCLASSIFIED

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IT WAS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED. HIS OFFICE DESIRED

BIEBRICH EXPLAIN WHATEVER HE CONSIDERS PERTINENT AND PRESENT ANY PROOFS WHICH HE BELIEVES HELPFUL. HE STATED THAT AFTER BIEBRICH APPEARS, HIS OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE GATHERING EVIDENCE BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WITH WHAT RESULT. THE AG SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE FORMER GOVERNOR WOULD BE CONSIGNED AS EVERYTHING WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT THE INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES, WHICH WOULD BE MADE KNOWN AT THE PROPER TIME.

3. YOU MAY RECALL THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE BIEBRICH ADMINISTRATION LEFT OFFICE, IT WAS WIDELY REPORTED THAT SEVERAL MILLIONS OF PESOS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ONE PROJECT TO ANOTHER WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION, AND HIS STATE TREASURER, HECTOR AVAVIZCA ENCINAS, WAS REQUESTED TO JUSTIFY HIS ACTIONS. THE EX-TREASURER INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO DO SO AND PRESENT RECEIPTS, MEMOS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT ALL OF HIS ACTS ON THE CONDITION THAT HE BE PROVIDED THE SAME PUBLICITY, WHICH MEANT THE PRESS WOULD BE PRESENT. AMAVIZCA EVEN OFFERED TO PAY FOR TV TIME. NOTHING MORE HAS BEEN HEARD REGARDING THIS PHASE.
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